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## New funding boost to tackle borough's ongoing problem of homelessness

by Michael Cox

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SOUTHEND Council has been awarded further funding towards tackling homelessness in the borough.

Just under £250,000 has been given to the council after a successful bid to the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

The announcement comes after

the Government has handed a total of more than £1.4million to the council to deal with rough sleeping in the past year.

The latest money has come from the Rapid Rehousing Pathway and will be spent on employing navigators and support staff, as well as essential costs, to help homeless people become independent and move out of emergency accommodation.

A council spokesman said four navigators will be brought in to

give people ongoing support in maintaining a new life off the streets.

Two staff members will also be employed to work for housing association Peabody to support those with a history of homelessness to sustain tenancies.

Southend had the ninth highest number of rough sleepers in the country, according to Government figures from a one-night snapshot in 2017 but this fell sharply in a similar study conducted in November last year.

Glyn Halksworth, interim director for housing, who described the latest funding announcement as "great news", said the council has been focusing on rough sleepers, emergency housing and high support services until now.

"Those who are successfully off the streets then need to move on to a more permanent housing situation, so those emergency and high support services are available to others who need it.

"This funding will help us with

that. The two new posts will help maintain independence and avoid further periods of homelessness or rough sleeping and the four navigators will be the single point of contact, checking in with physical and emotional support to help former rough sleepers."

Among the services to help rough sleepers already commissioned by the council include a rough sleeper outreach team, charity HARP's sit-up service and night shelter, and specialist drug and alcohol-based services.

Mr Halksworth said the latest funding makes further progress on the council's pledge to address homelessness by "ensuring the sustainability of the projects and services already in place".

He added: "As part of our housing, homelessness and rough sleeping strategy, we should address all aspects of housing and make sure everyone who is homeless is properly supported in their journey to get off the streets and into a stable, safe and secure home."



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# Special needs system in line for a major overhaul

by Steve Shaw

Local democracy reporter

AN action plan has been agreed to address major concerns about how Southend Council and the borough's health authority treat children with special educational needs and disabilities.

The plan, which includes potentially bringing mental health teams to schools and colleges, aims to solve a raft of problems outlined in an Ofsted report which criticised the authorities for failing to locate almost 30 vulnerable children and for failing to provide effective guidance to families.

In a joint statement from the council and Southend's Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), they said they will overhaul how the support services operate by creating a fresh special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) strategy for the borough, as well as asking families to help with key decisions.

Jacqui Lansley, director of integration and partnerships for Southend CCG and Southend Council, said they are "absolutely committed" to improving services and the action plan aims to "make lives better and deliver the outcomes needed" in Southend.



PLAN: Alison Griffin

The primary focus of the new strategy will be ensuring that the needs of children are identified and met at the earliest opportunity.

Integral to this will be a council bid to have NHS England bring mental health support teams to schools and colleges where they will act as a link between children and support services.

Education healthcare plans, which provide vital detail on a child's special



CALL: Anne Jones

Photos: Martin Dalton

needs, will also be reviewed allowing families and carers to take part in the writing process. The plans will also be scrutinised for strengths and weaknesses.

Staffing will be completely restructured to ensure that they are "sufficiently resourced". This will mean a review of any staff shortages, as well as an assessment of roles and responsibilities.

These changes and many more have been exhaustively detailed in a 30-page

response to the Ofsted inspection, with each proposal supported with an estimate timeframe for when they will be implemented.

Alison Griffin, chief executive at Southend Council, added: "This plan shows our determination to make the improvements needed to give vulnerable children in our borough and their families, the level of service and support they deserve.

"We have already made a number of changes to our procedures, which have been recognised by the inspecting bodies, but we will build on this."

But Labour councillor Anne Jones, shadow portfolio holder for children and learning, felt the plans needed "more dynamism and ambition".

She said: "Under the Code of Practice, partnership working, an accessible and realistic local offer and education, health and care plans, which are of good quality in the way they are written and the way they are delivered, are the foundation of ensuring that outcomes for children in this group rapidly improve.

"So it should not come as a surprise to see those set out.

"It is disappointing that the opportunity to build and expand on these primary responsibilities has not been seized."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

● **FIREFIGHTERS** put out a house fire in Southend after being called out by concerned neighbours who heard smoke alarms.

Crews attended the fire at an address on Fraser Close at around 9.30am on Wednesday.

They put out the blaze in a downstairs room and stopped it spreading.

A fire service spokesman said: "The whole house has been affected by the smoke.

"Firefighters concluded that the most likely cause of the fire was a laptop or tablet overheating and catching fire to a pile of clothing."

● **A CHARITY** is calling on people to register for a 24-hour running festival.

HARP, which supports homeless people in Southend, has organised HARP24, which begins at noon on Saturday, June 22 and finishes at the same time on the following day.

The event, which is being held at Cherry Orchard Country Park in Rochford, raised more than £28,000 for HARP last year and the charity hopes to raise even more this year.

To sign up or for more information about the event, visit [www.harp24.org.uk](http://www.harp24.org.uk).

● **SOUTHEND Yoga Festival** is taking place in the town next weekend.

The event is happening in the grounds of Thorpe Hall School on Saturday, June 1 from noon until 5pm.

Wellbeing centres Mayura Yoga and The Yoga Factory Southend are joining together for the event, which will include yoga, music, therapies and stalls.

The day also aims to raise awareness of charity Havens Hospices, which looks after people with life-limiting illnesses.

## Police hunt Priory Park plant thieves

SOUTHEND Council is asking for residents to help find thieves who have stolen more than 100 plants from one of its parks.

A council spokesman said a park warden doing rounds on Monday, May 13 noticed some box shrubs and lavender shrubs had been dug up and removed from Priory Park.

He added: "Each night following this incident, more and more plants were being removed, leading to the council passing the details over to Essex Police."

In total, 70 box shrubs and 36 lavender shrubs have been stolen from the park, with the total cost reaching £200.

Scott Dolling, director for

culture, tourism and property, said: "We are in shock that someone would be prepared to dig up the shrubs, and then take them on to what I presume would be to their own garden."

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By Leading UK Back Pain Expert, Wendy McCloud



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We think when you come along that you will agree with many attendees who have come to this workshop before you, who now say that there truly is a life free from low back pain, even if I have suffered for 20 years or more.

If you're currently seeing a doctor or another healthcare provider but not getting the results you are looking for, or you are thinking about going to see someone, or you are living a life popping out rotting pills or you just don't know what to do for the best, then please consider coming along to this FREE 60 minute workshop which will reveal "The Best Kept Secrets For Living With Less Back Pain And Staying Pain Free!"

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Sincerely Wendy McCloud

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My name is Wendy McCloud, one of the UK's leading back pain specialists, and I've been helping people like you live with much less back pain for 12 years now.

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# Max support for schools campaign

DOUBLE Olympic and World Champion gymnast Max Whitlock MBE, is calling for every school in Essex to take part in 30 minutes of physical activity every day for 30 days in June.

The 30:30 Essex challenge is led by the Active Essex Foundation – a charity that provides life-changing support to Essex communities through sport and physical activity.

Currently, more than two-thirds of children and young people in Essex carry out less than 30 minutes of physical activity each day and one third finish primary school either overweight or obese.

To inspire young people to take part in at least 30 minutes of physical activity a day, Max has created a list of 30 activities children can complete to achieve their 30:30's including walking 30 laps of the playground and balancing on one leg for 30 seconds!

Max said: "I was lucky to find my love for gymnastics at a young age and sport has opened so many doors for me. I've made many friends along the way and that's why I'm so passionate about encouraging young people and children to take part in sport and physical activity – there really is something for everyone to enjoy."

"Not only will taking part in the 30:30 Essex challenge help to improve overall health and fitness, it will also give children the opportunity to try different



CHALLENGE: Max Whitlock

sports and activities which they may never have tried before and may continue with for the rest of their lives!"

Schools that sign up for the challenge will receive a free 30:30 Essex relay baton and branded T-shirts for teachers.

Anthony Seaman, PE and Sport Lead, Grove Wood Primary School in Rayleigh, is one of 30 champions of this year's campaign. He will inspire 30:30 participants with his stories and ideas for getting active.

Anthony said: "I'm very excited to be taking part in this year's 30:30 Essex challenge. Physical activity is so important to young people and offers so much

more than just the physical benefits."

"We will be fully embracing the challenge at Grove Wood Primary School, running activities and sports clubs to encourage pupils to take part in and out of the classroom. Our 'Healthy Selfie' initiative also inspires pupils to take a photo of themselves being active with family members at home and posting it on our presentation board!"

"Quality physical activity, physical education and sport allows us to develop social skills, personal skills and cognitive processes, and for me as an educator, these are the greatest benefits."

Families are also encouraged to take part and add more physical activity to their daily routine.

Families who want to set a bigger challenge can sign up to the first 30:30 Essex Obstacle Race in Thorndon Country Park, near Brentwood on June 29. All funds raised will go to the Active Essex Foundation charity and will help support sport and physical activity projects in the county.

If you would like to sign your school up for the 30:30 Essex challenge, visit: <https://www.3030essex.com/schools-nurseries/>

If you have already signed up, you can get involved on social media by using the 30:30 Essex Facebook photo filter or by sharing your achievements through the one second every day video recording app – [www.lse.co](http://www.lse.co).

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APPEAL: Age Concern Southend is crowdfunding for the The Haven Older People's Community Hub  
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## Charity needs £100k for older people's hub

A CHARITY has launched a crowdfunding campaign to raise money for the next phase of building work at a community hub for older people.

Age Concern Southend has set up the campaign as it bids to generate at least £100,000 towards renovations at The Haven Older People's Community Hub in the former Havens department store on Hamlet Court Road, Westcliff.

The charity has already raised £120,000 to turn the first floor into the new home of Club 50+, which offers activities from table tennis and carpet bowls to belly dancing.

A charity spokesman said it needs to raise the money by July to complete the next phase, which would include a community café and dementia day care centre.

Information and meeting rooms would also

be used to offer support and services including bereavement counselling, podiatry, public health and dementia support.

Claire Slack, the charity's development manager, said: "With the help of our community we hope to create a thriving space where people can feel safe and welcomed as they join in with activities, get expert help or even just have a cuppa and read a book."

"Even a small donation, or a share or like on our social media channels, will help us make Southend a better place to age."

The charity said the hub will act as "a centre point" for older people across Southend.

The crowdfunding appeal will run for four weeks and to donate, visit [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/the-havenolderpeopleshub](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/the-havenolderpeopleshub).



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# Care agency put in special measures

## Inspectors issue 'inadequate' rating

by Michael Cox

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A CARE agency in Southend is to be placed into special measures after it was visited by inspectors.

Angel Solutions Community Care, which operates from Princess Caroline House on High Street, was inspected by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in March.

It was rated "inadequate" overall, which is CQC's lowest rating.

The regulator said it only inspected the personal care service, which Angel Solutions provides to older people and adults with a learning disability and includes help with tasks related to personal hygiene and eating.

A report detailing the findings has now been published and inspectors said they found "significant shortfalls" in the management of the service.

They wrote: "The management of risk was not always effective and placed

people at risk of unsafe care or harm."

Inspectors found mixed feedback from people about the timing of their calls.

"The registered manager and office staff could not demonstrate an effective and clear system to manage the timing and frequency of calls to people.

"This meant there was a risk people may not receive their care when needed."

They also said they were not provided with enough evidence that staff had sufficient training.

Inspectors felt safe recruitment processes were not used, adding: "We found significant gaps in staff employment history and no evidence these had been checked.

"Additionally, checks on employment references were not robustly carried out and where they did not match with people's employment history there was no evidence these had been checked.

"People were therefore not

adequately protected from the risks of unsuitable staff."

Medicines were not always safely managed and people were not always provided with personalised support, according to inspectors.

They said that service users and their relatives told them staff looked after them well and were kind and caring.

One person told inspectors: "They (staff) are very good, they are all happy and chat with me."

People also said to the CQC inspectors they felt safe using the service, while inspectors said staff understood possible signs of abuse or neglect and what to do if they had any concerns.

Out of CQC's five main criteria, the service was rated "inadequate" in safe, effective and well-led and "requires improvement" in caring and responsive.

The *Yellow Advertiser* contacted Angel Solutions Community Care but had not received a response at the time of going to press.



COMPLETE: The project team, councillors, residents and guests at the Rochford Road homes

## Social housing scheme homes ready on time and within budget

THE latest homes have been finished in a social housing building programme by Southend Council.

Twelve flats and three houses were unveiled in Rochford Road on the site of a former garage which the council said had fallen into disrepair and was subject to ongoing antisocial behaviour.

Glyn Halksworth, the council's interim director of housing, said the homes will be on offer for "affordable" rent, meaning tenants will pay 80 per cent of market value rent or local housing allowance rates - whichever is lower.

He added: "Building work started in June 2018 and we are pleased to be able

to deliver these homes on time and within budget.

"The council will continue to identify opportunities to develop affordable housing within the borough, and preliminary feasibility works indicate a possible 55 new homes could be delivered across two phases, over the next couple of years."

The properties will be allocated through the council's choice based lettings system in accordance with allocation policy, a council spokesman said.

The Rochford Road development is the latest phase of the building programme, following 18 homes built in Shoebury and a two-bedroom bungalow in Audleys Close.

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# Volunteers tackle the tower



HANGING ON: Gemma Perks  
Photo by Ross Day

PEOPLE abseiled down Southend Hospital's tower in a bid to raise money for its charity.

This year's hospital abseil saw 64 people, some of whom wore fancy dress, lower themselves down the hospital's ten storey tower block.

The event, called Tackle the Tower, saw participants raising money for the hospital ward or department of their choice.

Elise Fleetwood, events and corporate relations manager for Southend Hospital Charity, described the event as a "triumph".

She added: "We are so grateful to everyone that put themselves through this 154-foot high challenge for our benefit. It was a brilliant day and lots of patients will benefit as a direct result."

"We're hoping that this event will raise in excess of £25,000, an incredible amount of money – thank you to everybody involved."

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## Council denies possibility of Saxon king

AFTER the recent opening of Southend Council's temporary exhibition of the Saxon king's burial treasures at the Central Museum and reading all the information in the exhibition and the subsequent media materials, we can't help but come to one conclusion.

It would appear that the council has expended a lot of effort into illogically denying that the burial is King Saebert of the East Saxon Kingdom (Essex).

The result is a statement writ large in the press stating that he "may not" be King Saebert. Why would you say that when he in fact may be King Saebert?

None of this makes any sense when it comes to attracting visitors and therefore income for our town. Would Ford advertise a car by saying "It may not be a great car!"

The mind boggles as to why Southend Council seems to be going out of its way to ensure that the king disappears into obscurity, tucked away in the corner of a tiny provincial museum.

Come on, promote our town properly by exploiting the massive opportunity for tourism that our king, yes KING, has gifted us.

*The SKIPP Committee  
Patsy Link  
Sheena Walker  
Mark Sharp*

## Local journalism wins with YA awards

CHARLIE has done it again! Charles Thomson and the YA investigation into the Shoebury Sex Ring exposé has brought honour to the *Yellow Advertiser* and to local journalism.

Don't let anyone tell you that local journalism is dead, because it just isn't true! We now need local journalism more than ever, not only to protect local democracy but to investigate minor and major misdemeanours that sadly our reader-chasing national dailies no longer tend to do.

Can anyone tell me what Harry Evans, Editor of the Sunday Times is famous for? Exposing the human suffering of Thalidomide.

I put Charles and the YA amongst the great tradition of journalistic investigators of our age. What Panorama used to be to television, now the YA is to Essex and beyond.

It was good to see my old BBC colleague, Nick Ferrari presenting the prizes. He and I go back many years when he was deputy editor of the BBC's Breakfast Time, when journalism still had a part to play in the nation's viewing.

Sadly, entertainment is now to the fore including the much dumbed-down Question Time on BBC One.

*Vin Harrop  
Billericay*

## Inertia rules in democratic process

SO let me see if I've understood this correctly. Leavers want to leave the so-called European dictatorship so we can be run by our own politicians who are as clueless, useless and openly contemptuous of the people and democracy.

Well that certainly makes a load of sense!

By the way, are the people who complain about the unelected European Commission the same ones complaining about the European elections?

Edward Case writes against prejudice. Evidently mindless nationalism doesn't figure on his list of brain dead bigotries.

There's no use in having a second referendum because most people, certainly those above the age of 50, get their information about the EU from the press.

As for the will of the people, it needed something a little more convincing than 17 v 16 with 27million not voting at all.

Inertia rules!

All hail the great majority of the Apathy Party. So much for an overwhelming enthusiasm for Brexit.

So roll on Brexit and brace yourselves for the whining excuses.

*Paul Divine  
Westcliff*

## Politicians out of touch on all levels

DURING the local council election campaign every candidate professed his desire to work for his constituents.

National political party problems would be put aside in order to do the best for the residents of Southend-on-Sea.

This was great news for all concerned.

At the first meeting of the new council there was an immediate argument as to which party would provide a council leader.

Clr Cox finally was selected as council leader of a minority administration.

In a local newspaper he then spoke of fellow councillors as the opposition! This is the language of the House of Commons yet we were PROMISED that all our candidates would work together for the good of the people of this town.

As usual the wishes of the public are sacrificed for the good of individuals.

It is a poor show from the council and further proof that politicians at all levels are out of touch with the real people.

*Colin Catterick  
Leigh-on-Sea*

## The future of politics is here at last

THERE was only one surprise result for me from the MEP elections and this was that the Green Party did not beat Labour. Everything else was easily predicted except maybe how well the Brexit party did in Castle Point, gaining 59 per cent of the vote.

The only thing that will save Conservative and Labour from total destruction now is if they jointly fight for a no-deal Brexit.

Any other result could mean that Nigel Farage will become the new Prime Minister at the next General Election.

Another bonus would be to get rid of the House of Lords and save millions of pounds of taxpayers' money which is used to financially support a load of unelected lords that still feel that they are superior to us serfs.

The people have sent the message twice to Parliament and they continue to ignore us because it is not what they want.

They lie and cheat and spin

the facts to suit their individual or party needs.

However, this selfish and undemocratic action shows how stupid they are because it will bring about their downfall.

The Political System DOES need changing. Remain or Leave is not the issue. Government that you can trust IS.

*Keith Totts  
Benfleet*

## Oh dear! Watch out for the muntjac

I TOOK my morning walk on Sunday in Laindon West and saw what I thought to be a large brown dog in the trees along Durham Road.

Imagine my surprise when, as it moved away, it turned out to be a small deer, presumably muntjac.

I used to sabotage fox hunts in north Essex and was used to seeing them there, but I've never seen any this far down the county.

Can I ask car drivers to take caution around these roads both for the wildlife's sake and to protect yourself and your vehicles?

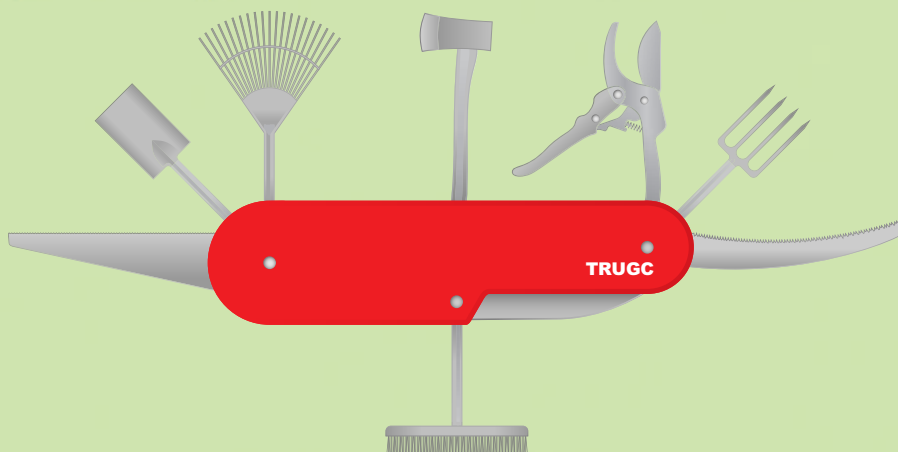
*Martin Thomas  
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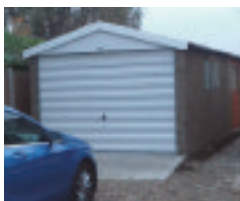
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## End of May headline writes itself

**T**HE Prime Minister's bold, new Brexit deal unveiled last week was neither new nor bold. It was the final nail in the coffin of her political career - a desperate dog's dinner of promises and the usual empty rhetoric which managed to pull off the impossible in that it made her even more unpopular with members from all sides of the House.

There's outstaying your welcome and then there's Theresa May, whose refusal to accept that her withdrawal agreement was dead in a ditch had me wondering if she was actually of sound mind.

One member of the House of Lords described it as "lipstick on a pig". The thing that instantly came to my mind was the old saying about not being able to polish... well, you know how it goes.

If this mockery of a deal did make it to a fourth meaningful vote the scale of the defeat would have made her record-breaking first attempt look like a rehearsal.

By last Wednesday evening she was in Downing Street refusing to see or even take calls from members of her own Cabinet and Andrea Leadsom's resignation as Leader of the Commons signalled the collapse of the house of cards.

She was the 36th minister to resign from a Theresa May cabinet.

It then transpired that ministers had been taken completely by surprise by her announcement at Charing Cross regarding a vote for a second referendum. They had agreed on one thing in Cabinet on Tuesday morning only for her to announce something else to the country on the afternoon.

The 1922 Committee of backbenchers met to try and figure out a way to evict the squatter in No10 who was in lockdown refusing to budge.

It wasn't so much a dictatorship as a crazy woman hiding behind the sofa in a foetal position.

The inevitable end came on the day the withdrawal legislation was due to be published.

On Thursday morning it was announced that this had been "delayed" - a clear sign that the end was near.

The PM's legacy is damaged beyond repair - she will be seen as the leader who presided over the most embarrassing political debacle in history. A politician whose complete lack of negotiating skills almost makes Chris Grayling look competent and who, as Home Secretary, presided over the scandal of

Windrush and the decimation of police numbers and whose eventual overdue exit came with an extra helping of humiliation.

The tears at the podium were far more preferable to the kicking and screaming as she was dragged away by the men in white coats I was beginning to anticipate.

■ I was in the centre of London recently for the Regional Journalism Awards and before I had even finished my journey two beggars had tried to get money out of me - one on the train into St Pancras and another on the Circle Line to Embankment.

My immediate thought was: If they're so broke, how did they get a ticket?

The poor devil in a filthy sleeping bag just outside the Tube was a different matter and taking him a hot drink from the Costa a few yards away was my pleasure.

The couple of quid I handed over felt painfully insufficient.

I'm a firm believer that any of us - no matter how secure we think we may be - are only three steps away from becoming homeless and finding ourselves on the streets.

But that doesn't mean I'm a soft touch for anyone with their hand out.

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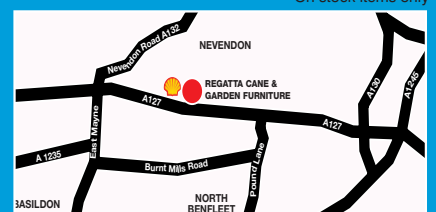
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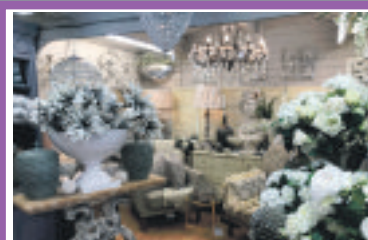
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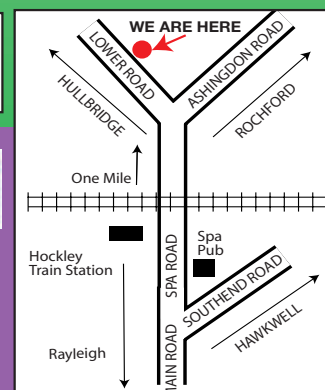
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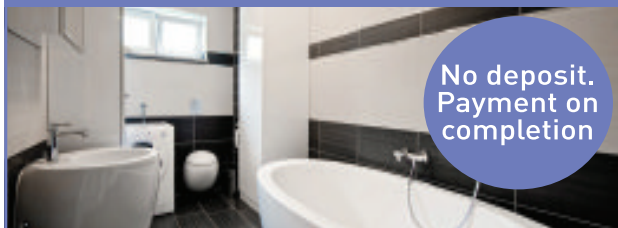


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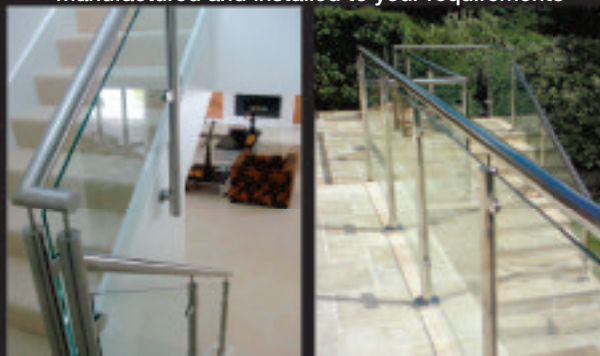
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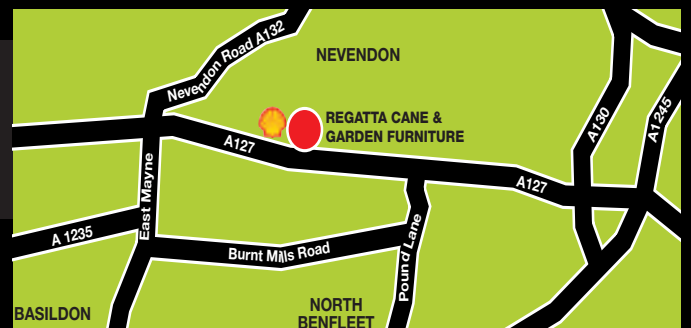
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As you can imagine, this often leads to the most wildly absurd situations and improvisation.

The raucous rum-fuelled show comes to Southend's Palace Theatre on October 27.

With foul language, partial nudity, attempted singing, full contact wrestling and acts of

a sexual nature, Shakespeare's plays are considered classical entertainment... all this unique show – from the aptly named Magnificent Ba\*\*rd Productions – does is add a splash of booze to the mix.

Featuring a rotating cast of the finest classically trained actors, partial to a pint or three, audiences can expect inebriated antics and great performances, from all but one of the cast, to boot.

Having entertained over 350,000 theatre goers across the UK, US and

Australia, as well as completely multiple sell-out runs at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and the Brighton Festival, the team from S\*\*t-faced Shakespeare are now heading out on a UK tour with their version of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

A Midsummer Night's Dream, written in 1596, was described by esteemed British MP and naval administrator Samuel Pepys, writing in his diary in 1662, as "the most insipid ridiculous play that ever I saw in my life."

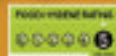
Poor Samuel would be rolling in his grave if he knew just how much more ridiculous it could become with a good helping of liquor.

■ Tickets are available online at: <http://www.shit-facedshakespeare.com>.



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# Sugar and spice

BOOKSMART (15, 102 mins)

**S**CHOOL'S out for the summer but life lessons about sisterly solidarity and abusing the good nature of a teddy bear never end in this raucous rites-of-passage comedy.

Actress Olivia Wilde identifies herself as a high achiever with a riotous feature film directorial debut, strutting confidently down the same corridors of beautifully articulated teen angst as *Clueless* and *Mean Girls*.

A sorority of four female scriptwriters cram in a dizzying array of pithy and potty-mouthed one-liners between some deeply touching moments of self-reflection and realisation.

The heartfelt hilarity is delivered with genuine warmth and grin-inducing sincerity by the dream team double-act of Kaitlyn Dever and Beanie Feldstein.

They have us rooting for their sassy, self-aware misfits from the moment they prepare for another day at school with impromptu body-popping on the side of the road.

Belly laughs are bountiful, trading in pop culture references and near-the-knuckle humour that never threatens to become

crude or mean spirited.

These girls are sugar and spice and all things naughty but nice.

Potentially thorny issues of fat-shaming, sexual experimentation and peer pressure are cheerfully navigated or sidestepped to encourage characters to wear individuality and naivete on their sleeves, next to their hearts.

Amy (Dever) and

best friend Molly (Feldstein) have studiously forsaken fornication and partying in order to achieve their academic dreams.

Textbooks have been the girls' steadfast bed-time companions and as graduation looms, Amy is destined for Columbia while Molly has been accepted into Yale.

The gal pals despair at the tomfoolery of classmates so they are gob-smacked to learn that lazy peers have also secured places at coveted Ivy League institutions.

"This isn't possible," rages Molly. "You guys don't care about school!"

It's a bitter pill to swallow: Amy and Molly have needlessly missed out on

extra-curricular lessons in drunken bonding. The over-achievers resolve to make amends on the night before Molly delivers her valedictorian speech.

"We are A+ people and we are going to be an A+ party!" she defiantly announces.

The friends hatch a hare-brained scheme to gatecrash a party thrown by cool kid Nick (Mason Gooding) in the hope that Amy can finally approach her crush: skateboarding tomboy Ryan (Victoria Ruesga).

This haphazard odyssey puts Amy and Molly on a collision course with narcotics, crime, an explosion of bodily fluids and a shocking discovery about their high school principal (Jason Sudeikis).

Booksmart is an unapologetically forthright and tender valentine to the glorious final hours of carefree abandon before adulthood comes a-knocking.

Dever and Molly are utterly adorable and possess fizzing screen chemistry, and co-stars are memorable for the right reasons, sometimes in fleeting roles that gently subvert stereotypes.

It's going to take something very special to usurp Wilde's boisterous romp from remaining top of the class of comedies in 2019.

Released: May 27  
RATING: 9/10

GIRLS ON TOP: Beanie Feldstein as Molly and Kaitlyn Dever as Amy  
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### Friday, May 31

- Live music – Preview, RNA Club, 73-79 East Street, Prittlewell, Southend, SS2 6LQ, NYAMIT, 8.30pm to midnight: Life membership £1.
- Mighty Mites parent and toddler drop-in session – Civic Hall, Grays, 9.15am-12.45pm.
- Introduction to silk painting and porcelain painting – Royal Naval Assoc, 73-79 East Street, Southend, SS2 6LQ, 9.45am to noon. £6. No experience needed.
- Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Overeaters Anonymous Basildon Group – Nevenden Community Hall, St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Basildon, SS13 1BZ, 8pm, Colin, 07446 080054.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, over-50s, beginners tai chi: 10am to noon, darts: 2-4pm, marquetry: 10am to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm. Snooker and bingo, £2, 01268 465854.
- Sequence Dancing – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2.15-3.15pm. 01268 465854.
- Book Club – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 10-11am. 01268 465854.
- Drama Classes – Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, designed to increase children's life skills. Call Dina 01245 328680.
- Table Tennis – Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over-50s, 11am-1pm, 07931 564105.

### Saturday, June 1

- Ballroom, Latin and Sequence Dance – St Margaret's Church, London Road, Leigh, SS9 3PA, 7.30pm. BYO drinks and nibbles. £7.50. Details: 07748707122.
- Rayleigh History Walk – Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane, SS6 7ED. £2. Details 01268 775328.

- Saturday Club – for people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Frypa Hall, The Fryth, Basildon. 01268 415409.
- Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Yugioh Club – play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini-tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.
- Saturday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, 01702 437863.

### Sunday, June 2

- Canvey Miniature Railway – open every Sunday until October 13. 10.30am-3.45pm, choice of two railways, steam and electric locos, adults and children £1 each a ride, weather permitting. 07950 659596.
- Family service – Christ Church, Wickford, 10.30am.
- Brain Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh-on-Sea, 9.15am-12.15pm, 01277 627043.
- Exercise Class for stroke victims – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Sunday School – The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
- King's Church, Southend – Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am to noon, 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am to noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), 10.45-11.45am, details 01702 554904.
- Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut – behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell, 10am to midday. Membership £3.

### Monday, June 3

- Coffee & Chat – Kings Road United Reformed Church, 91 Crowstone Road, Westcliff, SS0 8LH. 10am to noon. 01702 352668.
- Walking football sessions – Civic Hall,

- Grays, 6-7pm. £2 per session.
- Ron Spack's Jazztet, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 8.30pm. John Sharpe, saxophone, Dave Maskell, guitar. 01702 512819.
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- Duplicate Bridge – Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Blvd, Southend, all standards, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, 6-8pm, Michelle 07730 582784.
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- Short Mat Bowls Club – Westwood School, Hadleigh, Monday and Wednesday evenings, Kevin 01268 792433.
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- Hadleigh Castle Townswomen's Guild – Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street SS7 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.
- Couples. Table tennis, snooker, 8-10pm, St Andrew's Church Hall, Ashington. Drop in or call 01702 548597.

### Tuesday, June 4

- Painting class – The Studio, Glebelands Nursery, Hawkwell, Hockley, SS5 4JY. 10.30am-12.30pm. Details 01702 30717.
- Folk Music – The Hov at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm. 01702 715111.
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100% prime beef meatballs in Napoli tomato sauce topped with mozzarella cheese and served with salad garnish.

**Fritto Misto** - £7.95  
Fried floured fresh squid, whitebait and courgettes served with a sweet chilli dip.

**Gamberoni Piccanti** - £7.95  
Sautéed king prawns with garlic, chillies, tomato sauce, white wine, fennel seeds and salad garnish.

**Granchio al Forno** - £8.95  
Baked crab claws meat with onion, garlic, mustard, brandy, cream and mozzarella cheese garnish salad.

### Capesante - £8.95

Baked king scallops, mushrooms, garlic, onion, cream, white wine, cheese and garnish salad.

**Bruschetta di Manzo** - £8.95  
Strips of fillet steak sautéed with cherry tomatoes, garlic, chillies, garnished with rocket and served on toasted panino

### PASTE

*We also offer gluten-free spaghetti*

**Lasagna** - 100% British prime minced beef Ragu, béchamel, layers of pasta - £9.95

**Spaghetti Bolognese** - 100% British prime minced beef Ragu - £9.95

**Spaghetti Polpette** - Beef meatballs in garlic and tomato sauce - £10.95

**Spaghetti Carbonara** - Pan fried with bacon and fresh cream - £9.95

**Tagliatelle Salmone** - Chopped salmon, garlic, tomato sauce, cream and vodka - £14.95

(V) **Tagliatelle Funghi e Panna** - White wine, mushroom, touch of cream, garlic and parsley sauce - £9.95

**Tagliatelle Mare e Monti** - Mushroom, touch of tomato, prawns - £10.95

**Tagliatelle Capesante** - Scallops, chilli, cherry tomatoes, white wine, garlic - £14.95

**Penne Pollo** - Chicken strips, touch of cream - £10.95

(V) **Penne Arrabbiata** - Onion, garlic, cherry tomatoes in a spicy tomato sauce - £8.95

**Fusilli Primavera** - Chicken, garden veg, pesto, pine nuts - £10.95

(V) **Fusilli Giardiniera** - Garden veg, pesto, tomato sauce - £9.95

**Fusilli Amatriciana** - bacon, shallots, chillies, mushroom tomato sauce - £9.95

**Linguine Puttanesca** - Tomato sauce, capers, anchovies, olives and chilli - £9.95

**Linguine Granchio e Gamberetti** - Crab meat, prawns, fish stock, cherry tomatoes, hint of chilli and a touch of tomato sauce - £14.95

**Linguine Pescatore** - Cooked in garlic, onion, cherry tomatoes, fish stock, parsley, olive oil, white wine, mussels meat, calamari, prawns and a touch of tomato sauce - £14.95

(V) **Risotto Verde** - garlic, onion, spinach, courgettes, asparagus, white wine, cream and green pesto - £9.95

**Risotto Zucchine e Capesante** - Scallops, courgettes, onion, garlic, cherry tomatoes white wine and fish stock - £14.95

**Risotto Pollo e Piselli** - Garlic, onion, cherry tomatoes, white wine, parsley, Pepperoni, chicken fillet, garden peas - £10.95

**Sardinian Fish Stew** - Braised potatoes, peas, celery, mussels, meat, squid and prawns served with a slice of grilled panino - £15.95

### SECONDI PIATTI

*All main dishes are served with sauté potatoes, carrots and a green vegetable.*

**Branzino** - Pan-fried filleted seabass, served in lemon butter, fennel seeds sauce and grilled cherry tomato - £16.95

**Salmone** - Fresh Scottish salmon with a sauce of cherry tomatoes, garlic, spring onion and prawns - £16.95

**Coda di Rospo** - Monkfish served in a sauce of white wine, onion, garlic, cream, tarragon and prawns - £17.95

**Pollo Valdostana** - Supreme of chicken breast baked with ham, mozzarella cheese and served with in a tomato cream sauce - £15.95

**Pollo Milanese** - Chicken breast coated in breadcrumbs shallow fried and served with spaghetti pomodoro - £14.95

**Anatra all' Aranci** - Grissingham duck breast served with orange sauce - £16.95

**Anatra al Miele** - Grissingham duck breast with chef's special sauce of honey, star anise and cinnamon - £16.95

**Maiale Marsala** - Escalope of pork fillet served with a demi glace mushroom and Marsala sauce - £15.95

**Maiale all' Mela** - Escalope of pork fillet served with a rosemary apple sauce - £15.95

**Vitello Saltimbocca** - Escalope of veal wrapped in parma ham with a sage and red wine demi glace - £16.95

**Vitello Limone** - Escalope of veal, lemon butter sauce, rocket salad and parmesan cheese - £16.95

**Agnello all' Forno** - Slow cooked lamb shank with minted tomato and Demi glace sauce - £16.95

**Bistecca alla Fiorentina** - 14oz grilled T-bone steak served with Chef's special garlic butter sauce - £22.95

**Filetto di Manzo** - 8oz 28-days aged fillet steak simply grilled - £20.95

**Filetto di Manzo e Pepe** - 8oz 28-days aged fillet steak served with brandy peppercorn sauce - £21.95

**Filetto di Manzo Dolcelatte** - 8oz 28-days aged fillet steak, served with dolcelatte cheese sauce - £21.95

**Filetto di Manzo Rossini** - 8oz 28-days aged fillet steak served on toasted bread, topped with paté and Madeira wine sauce - £22.95

### PIZZE

Extra toppings - vegetables 75p each, others £2 each

(V) **Pizza Margherita** - Mozzarella cheese - £7.95

**Pizza Napolitana** - Capers, black olives and anchovies - £9.45

**Pizza Pepperoni** - Pepperoni, fresh chillies - £8.95

**Pizza Carne Misti** - Chicken, pepperoni, salami, ham - £10.95

**Pizza Hawaiian** - Pineapple, ham - £8.95

**Pizza Tonno** - Tuna, red onion, sweetcorn - £9.50

**Pizza Pollo** - Chicken, green peppers, chillies, onions - £9.95

**Pizza Parma** - Parma ham, rocket - £10.95

(V) **Pizza Formaggio di Capra** - Goat's cheese, cherry tomatoes, rocket - £10.45

**Pizza Pescatore** - Prawns, mussels meat, calamari and parsley - £10.95

**Pizza a Bianco** - white sauce, chicken fillet and spicy jalapeño - £9.95

(V) **Pizza Vegetariano** - Red onion, mushroom, peppers and black olives - £8.95

**Calzone** - Folded pizza, mushrooms, chicken, pepperoni, garlic, butter - £10.95

### INSALATE

**Insalata di Pollo** - Cajun spiced grilled chicken fillet with mixed salad, new potatoes, green beans, spring onions & dressing - £12.95

(V) **Insalata di Caprino** - A salad made with thyme vinaigrette marinated beetroots, mixed lettuce and baked goats cheese - £12.95

**Insalata di Tonno** - Tuna salad, tomato, cucumber, new potatoes, Spring onion, lettuce and with mayonnaise dressing - £11.95

**Insalata di Granchio** - Dressed crab meat mixed salad with wholegrain mustard and mayonnaise dressing - £13.95

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Billericay railway station and the highly regarded Quilters and Billericay schools are both within close proximity.

Internally this high specification property has been refurbished and extended to provide spacious family accommodation, including an impressive hallway with part-vaulted ceiling, stunning open plan kitchen/living room with integrated appliances, bi-folding doors and skylight windows providing a bright and spacious space.

There is a separate utility room and downstairs WC. The first floor has the advantage of four double bedrooms, jack and jill en-suite and a family bathroom with a free standing bath and double width shower.

Externally the property offers ample off-street parking, with the benefit of an integral garage, with side access to the low maintenance landscaped rear garden, artificial lawn and extensive paved patio areas.

This property has been extended and updated to a high standard and simply must be viewed to appreciate the excellent decorative order.

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Guide: £240 - £245,000 + Fees\*



**Dukes Avenue, Grays**  
**Vacant Studio Apartment**

This top floor studio flat with balcony has recently been refurbished located within easy reach of Grays town centre with a mix of local shops, food outlets and C2C railway station. EPC: D

Guide: £70,000 Plus + Fees\*



**Conway Avenue, Great Wakering**  
**House for Improvement**

This three bedroom semi-detached house is in need of refurbishment located in Great Wakering within walking distance of schools and a range of shops, four miles from Southend-on-Sea. EPC: D

Guide: £175,000 Plus + Fees\*



**Grenville Gardens, Woodford Green**  
**Parcel of Freehold Land**

The land is located to the rear of existing residential properties. Previously used as a garden the land may have potential for alternative uses, subject to the necessary consents being obtainable.

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**Harwich Road, Mistley**  
**Semi-Detached House**

An established semi-detached three bedroom house with off-road parking and garden to the rear situated in the north Essex village of Mistley, a short walk from the estuary and mainline railway station. EPC: E

Guide: £175,000 Plus + Fees\*



**Wennington Road, Rainham**  
**Vacant Shop with Flat Above**

A mid-terrace mixed use property with a lock-up shop on the ground floor and residential accommodation above. The property was formerly a newsagent and now is in need of refurbishment. EPC: G

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**Central Wall Road, Canvey Island**  
**Development for Completion**

Situated within easy reach of Canvey Island town centre is this pair of semi-detached new build houses for completion. Each house has three bedrooms (two with en-suites) and an open plan living area.

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**High Street, Hilgay**  
**Land with Planning**

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## Hullbridge Price £340,000

Occupying a most sought after village location is this two bedroom detached bungalow, situated close to the River Crouch and Kendal's nature reserve with its great walks just a short stroll away. Offering plenty of potential and benefitting from having 19' kitchen/diner, Natural light flooded lounge, conservatory with French doors leading to well maintained wrap around rear garden, detached garage and independent driveway. With easy access to all local amenities, train stations just a short drive away, this could be the perfect purchase for you. Call now to arrange an internal viewing.

## PROPERTY OF THE WEEK



## Eastwood

**£325,000 - £335,000**

You'll find this one hard to resist. This much improved three bedroom family house occupying a good size plot and is decorated to a stylish and modern design to a good standard internally, comprising of a great size luxury modern fitted kitchen/diner, lounge area opening to a conservatory with views overlooking the rear garden, and a lovely modern bathroom. The property also benefits from having a garage and additional parking. Situated within access to local amenities and Edwards Hall, Heycroft and Eastwood Primary school and is also within reach of A127. This could be the perfect purchase for you, call now to arrange an internal viewing.



## Hockley £129,950 - £149,950

This one bedroom park home is situated on the established Hockley park home development, providing park home living with peace and tranquillity in a secure and pleasant surrounding. Situated in a great location with views across open farmland and a conservation area towards the River Crouch, ideal for nature lovers or dog lovers having plenty of beautiful walks The park is available for the semi-retired and retired over 45's. The property has its own off street parking and wrap around garden - call now to arrange an internal viewing.



## Rayleigh £355,000

Being offered Chain Free is this three bedroom extended family home. Located in a sought after location of Rayleigh which is within walking distance to Mainline Station, Rayleigh Town Centre and close to excellent local schools for all ages. All this home needs is as family - benefitting from having a double storey extension containing dining room and cloakroom to ground floor and 19' master bedroom to the first floor, your family will have room to spread out. This could be the perfect purchase - call now to arrange an internal viewing to appreciate the spacious accommodation on offer.



## Thundersley £275,000

The Residences is a beautiful and stylish brand new development of 6 two-bedroom contemporary apartments built to a very high specification, conveniently located in Thundersley, Essex close to Rayleigh and Benfleet stations with easy access to the A127 and A13 for London and the M25. Almost opposite is the popular and well-known Virgin Active gym. The apartments are fitted with fully fitted Møller's kitchens featuring Siemens appliances and quartz worktops, fully tiled shower rooms, enjoy the sun-trap of the communal roof garden with friends and other resident and beautiful New England Wooden Shutters. The majority of the apartments also enjoy private balconies providing a tranquil area to most apartments.. Each apartment will have a secure, lockable, outside storage unit providing a fully covered waterproof store large enough for three bicycles or anything else. Call now to book your internal viewing.

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## Rayleigh £325,000-£350,000

OPEN HOUSE 1ST JUNE 12PM - 1PM If you are looking for a large garden and a property that offers potential to extend (STP) then this three bedroom semi detached house could be the one for you. Perfectly located in a popular area within close proximity to Rayleigh Town Centre, Mainline Railway Station and positioned in the Fitzwimarc, Grove and Edward Francis school catchment areas - this property benefits from having excess of 100' rear garden, two reception room and off street parking - call now to arrange a viewing.



## Hockley £175,000

This three bedroom (originally a four bedroom) park home is situated on the established Dome Village park home development, providing park home living with peace and tranquillity in a secure and pleasant surrounding. The park is available for the semi-retired and retired over 50's. The park has communal parking areas for visitors and pets are very welcome. Located within easy reach of Hullbridge and Hockley Village offering a range of shops and supermarkets, public house, country parks as well as The River Crouch, offering facilities for both boating and fishing. Rayleigh and Rochford town centres and train stations are just a short drive or bus ride away. Internal viewing is highly recommended - call now!



## Rayleigh £2,400 PCM

A rare opportunity to rent this four bedroom executive detached family house in a very quiet and exclusive Great Wheatley's area of Rayleigh. This property is double glazed throughout, with a large kitchen, a utility room, and has off street parking for 3 cars + large double garage. Working applicants only. No Housing benefits or pets.



## Rayleigh £995 PCM

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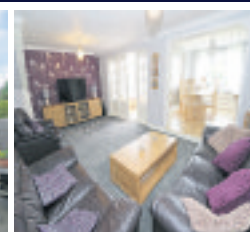
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### Glebelands, BENFLEET \ Guide £400,000 - £420,000

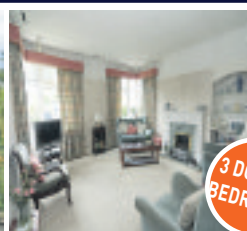


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### Lower Road, HOCKLEY \ £625,000



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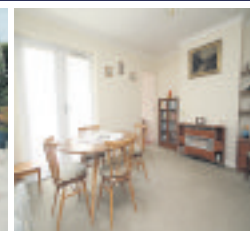


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**HOCKLEY \ £420,000****FOR SALE**

Spacious Four Bedroom Detached Family House \ Lounge 18'1 X 11'8 \ Dining Room 13'6 X 9'0 \ Kitchen 12'0 X 8'7 \ Bedroom One 11'8 X 11'1 \ Bedroom Two 11'8 X 9'0 \ Bedroom Three 12'1 X 8'9 \ Bedroom Four 8'9 X 8'8 \ No Onward Chain \ Close To Local Shops And Hockley Train Station \ **Call Hockley Office 01702 207720 or live chat at amosestates.com**

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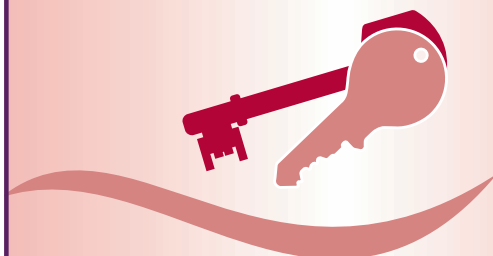


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The group sold 762 lots between January and March 2019 – up 5.5% on the previous year – at a success rate of 74.4%, and raising £87.9 million in the process.

Director, Andrew Stallard said: “These are remarkable figures for Auction House – particularly at a time when the industry is reporting a 10-15% drop in sales. Once again, Auction House continues to buck market trends, confound the critics, and exceed expectations.

“Certainly regional auctions are gaining in popularity as more local sellers switch to the auction room for a faster result. The appeal of speed and certainty is the big attraction – typically just two months from instruction to completion – compared with around five months or even longer, via estate agents.”

The month of March also delivered well for the group, with 243 lots sold (242 in March 2018), at a success rate of 71.3% with £29.1 million raised. Andrew explained: “Matching last year's sold result in March is a powerful outcome amidst unprecedented political turmoil over Brexit. We put that success down to our unique combination of local knowledge, regional expertise and national strength, which enables our winning performance to be maintained year on year.”

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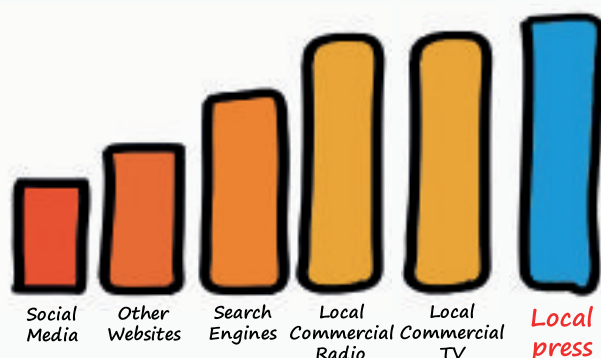
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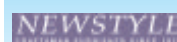
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## Dangers of driving too close

By Chris Russon

TAILGATING has been identified as one of the most common causes of van accidents on UK roads, causing 10 injuries a week, according to research by Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles.

Figures from the Department for Transport show "following too close" is ranked ahead of speeding, drink-driving and poor weather conditions when it comes to triggering collisions – and only behind van drivers failing to look and incorrectly judging the speed of other vehicles.

There were 4,256 accidents reported as vehicles "following too close" causing 6,184 injuries, including 19 fatalities in 2018.

Eight per cent of these involved light commercial vehicles – equal to 10 injuries per week.

Vans driving on A-roads are most susceptible to accidents with 55 per cent of all tailgating incidents happening on these routes.

Drivers found guilty of tailgating face a £100 fine and three penalty points.

In the worst cases, tailgating can result in a driving ban or even a



**SAFE DISTANCE:** Following too close is ranked ahead of speeding, drink-driving and poor weather conditions when it comes to triggering collisions, according to Department for Transport figures

prison sentence if a serious collision occurs as a result. As well as causing injuries, these accidents force vans off the road for repairs. According to VW downtime costs fleets an average of £550 a day per van while UK car repair

bills stand at an average of £2,137. Volkswagen says such accidents should be completely avoidable, using basic defensive driving techniques and sticking to the "two-second rule".

In addition, technology is available

to combat the problem, with Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles offering Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) on all its vans.

This helps avoid accidents by keeping the vehicle a safe and constant

distance from the traffic ahead and allowing drivers to cruise comfortably, as well as automatically slowing and stopping in traffic.

The technology works using the radar-controlled frontal monitoring system alongside the City Emergency Braking system, both of which are standard on all Volkswagen vans.

Neil Greig, director of policy and research at road safety organisation IAM RoadSmart, said: "Tailgating is the biggest single bugbear that motorway users in particular report."

"Surveys suggest almost half of drivers feel scared and get angry about it. Keeping your distance means you can observe what is happening around and ahead of you much better and gives you time to react to the unexpected."

"Rear-end shunts simply cause massive hold-ups and delay deliveries so it is in everyone's interest that drivers follow the two-second rule and leave a safe space in front of them. If the space gets filled simply create a new one – it will only add seconds to your journey and reduce your stress levels. If you are being tailgated never overreact as that will only inflame the situation; stay in control and let them pass."

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# PROWESS WITH BAT AND BALL

## Cricket

by Brian Jeeves

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**Leigh on Sea 291/7 (45 overs)**  
**Ardleigh Green & Havering-  
 atte-Bower 140 (46.3 overs)**  
**Leigh won toss and chose to bat**  
**Leigh won by 151 runs**

A SUPERB 94 from Jon Edwards went some way towards Leigh on Sea recording a comfortable Shepherd Neame Essex League Division Three victory over Ardleigh Green & Havering-atte-Bower at Chalkwell Park.

Edwards was ably supported by a Dean Waller half-century and Matt Wagstaff, who chipped in with 43 as the home side posted 291/7 from their 45 overs.

Lloyd Edwards did his utmost to keep Ardleigh Green in the contest, taking 3/56, while there were two wickets for James Walker. But it was insufficient. Joe Sexton impressed with the ball, claiming 4/22, while there was a pair each for Paul Humphries and James Spencer as the visitors were dismissed some way short and still searching for their first win of the season.

A fluent 51 from Luke Edwards was the highlight for the east Londoners.

Speaking to *Yellow Sport* after the match, Leigh skipper Sexton, explained: "It was a really positive team performance, and to win from the position we were in, when they looked like batting out for a draw – showed true character throughout."

"Jon Edwards was fantastic with the bat, along with Dean, Matt and

Jack Wagstaff. We bowled particularly well, but there were quite a few chances that went missing following dropped catches that put us in a tougher position than we'd have liked. However, Jac Sexton finished the game off well with a brilliant catch at gully."

Points: Leigh on Sea 25, Ardleigh Green & Havering-atte-Bower 4.

**Horndon on the Hill 136**  
**(33.3 overs)**

**Old Southendian & Southchurch**  
**140/5 (23 overs)**

**Horndon on the Hill won**  
**toss and elected to bat – Old**  
**Southendian & Southchurch**  
**won by five wickets**

OLD Southendian & Southchurch head coach and captain, Andy McGarry, heaped praise on his side after they brushed aside Horndon on the Hill at Garon Park to record their third successive Shepherd Neame Essex League Division Two victory of the season.

Former Essex man McGarry took 4/27, while Ahmed Khawaja (3/28) and Matt Austin (2/36) laid the foundations for Horndon's demise.

Skipper Jeff West offered some resistance with a gritty 47 before being trapped lbw by McGarry.

Chasing a target of 136, the Old Boys top order were offered a conundrum by West and Jack Marson, who each claimed a brace. However, Kaden Threadgold steadied the ship and guided the hosts home with a boundary, ensuring their place amongst the early pace-setters.

Speaking to *Yellow Sport*, McGarry said: "We are fully aware that honours are not dished out in May, but this is the best start we've



**BALL: Sherwin Stanley in action for Westcliff**  
 Photos by Jonathan Wagstaff

made to a season for years and we are going to enjoy it.

"It was another decent performance from us with the ball, which always gives you a reasonable chance. Ahmed and Matt played their part, but once again, this is a result of grafting and the team coming together as one."

Points: Old Southendian & Southchurch 20, Horndon On The Hill 4.

**South Woodford 112 (33 overs)**  
**Benfleet 116/3 (27.4 overs)**

**South Woodford won the toss**  
**and elected to bat – Benfleet won**  
**by seven wickets**

BEN Munday took five wickets as Benfleet stretched their perfect start to the Shepherd Neame Essex League Division Two campaign to three matches.

Munday finished with 5/46 while Callum Wheeler weighed in with 3/26 as the home side made short work of the South Woodford batting order.

Joe Craddock top scored for the visitors, hitting 35 before falling to Munday. However, those around him fell relatively cheaply as they struggled to 112.

Benfleet confirmed a comfortable victory inside 28 overs with

Munday again leading the way, hitting an unbeaten 41, confirming their place at the top of the table.  
 Points: Benfleet 20, South Woodford 1.

**Epping 115 (27.2 overs)**  
**Westcliff on Sea 117/2 (23.3 overs)**  
**Westcliff on Sea won the toss**  
**and elected to bowl – Westcliff-**  
**on Sea won by eight wickets**

A FIVE-WICKET haul from Sherwin Stanley proved crucial as Westcliff on Sea saw off Epping to remain in contention towards the Shepherd Neame Essex League Division Three summit.

Stanley, who has just helped Clapton Community FC to the Middlesex County Football League Division One Central & East title, showed equal ability with a different ball, finishing with figures of 5/35 as the hosts knocked over Epping for just 115 inside 28 overs.

Tom Baker and David Hewitt were amongst the wickets, taking two each. Umesh Gadhvi's unbeaten 44 providing the only score of note from the visitors' order. Lewis Wright hit a quickfire 70, which included 13 boundaries, while Matt Renvoiz (31) aided a comfortable afternoon for the Seasiders.

Points: Westcliff on Sea 20, Epping 0.

## Non-league football

## Out with the old - in with the new

CONCORD Rangers manager, Danny Scopes, continues his rebuilding programme with six new signings to the Aspect Arena side.

Striker Greg Cundle comes in from East Grinstead Town along with former Colchester Utd defensive duo Tosin Olufemi and Michael O'Donoghue.

Cundle found the net 21 times for East Grinstead during the last campaign. He began his professional career with Gillingham before joining Kingstonian. Full-backs Olufemi and O'Donoghue link up with the Canvey club following a spell with Haringey Borough where they helped the north Londoners reach the Bostik League Premier Division play-offs.

Bolstering the backline is central defender Jack Cawley, who was previously with Maldon & Tiptree.

Creative midfielder Chris Millar spent last season at Heybridge Swifts. The player also spent time with Charlton Athletic.

A further goal threat comes with the acquisition of Danny Bassett from Tooting & Mitcham Utd. The 23-year-old scored 20 times during the last campaign after previously playing his trade with Staines Town and Egham Town.

Heading out of the Aspect Arena is 24-year-old defender, Frazer Shaw, who has joined fellow National South club Chelmsford City. Shaw initially joined the Beachboys from Leatherhead after previous spells with Dulwich Hamlet, Billericay Town and Leyton Orient.

Goalkeeper Carl Pentney will return to Chelmsford for the 2019/20 season after leaving National League side Maidenhead Utd.

This will be the fourth time that the 30-year-old has joined the Clarets. The experienced stopper has enjoyed spells with Leicester City, Colchester Utd and York City.

National South outfit Braintree Town have been rocked by the news that manager Danny Searle has quit the club to take the reins at Aldershot Town. The Iron suffered relegation from the top tier of non-league football during the last campaign. However, Searle led the north Essex side to notable wins over Salford City and AFC Fylde as well as securing a goalless draw with National League champions Leyton Orient on the final day of the season.

Dagenham & Redbridge have announced the signing of midfielder Joan Luque on a one-year deal. The 26-year-old one-time Barcelona trainee spent the last campaign at Concord Rangers following a spell with Lincoln City.

The Spaniard linked up with the Imps after an impressive stay at Heybridge Swifts.

Speaking to [www.daggers.co.uk](http://www.daggers.co.uk), manager Peter Taylor enthused: "We're delighted to bring Luque to the club, and we will be looking for him to replicate the form that he showed at Heybridge Swifts that earned him his move to Lincoln City."

Bostik North club Basildon Utd have appointed George Young as first-team coach.

Dagenham & Redbridge and Billericay Town have announced pre-season friendly matches with Sky Bet League One side Southend Utd.

The Shrimpers face Billericay at the AGP Arena on Tuesday, July 6 (7.45pm), while the Daggers are hosts on Saturday, July 20 (3pm).

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**BAT: Jon Edwards top scored with 94 for Leigh**

## Hammers head to Fulham for pre-season friendly

## Football

WEST HAM UTD have confirmed they will take on Fulham at Craven Cottage in a pre-season fixture ahead of the 2019/20 season.

The Hammers head to west London on Saturday, July 27.

West Ham's allocation for this match is yet to be confirmed, with full details to follow.

The Hammers' pre-season activity to date is as follows:

Thursday, July 11 – SCR Altach v West Ham Utd at the Cashpoint Arena, Altach (5.30pm CEST).

Wednesday, July 17 – Manchester City v West Ham Utd at the Nanjing Olympic Sports Centre (8.30pm CST).

Saturday, July 20 – West Ham Utd v Wolves or Newcastle Utd at the Hongkou Stadium, Shanghai (6pm or 8.30pm CST).

Saturday, July 27 – Fulham v West Ham Utd at Craven Cottage (3pm).

Premier League fixture for the 2019/20 season will be released on June 13 – look out for updates and stories from the London Stadium in the *Yellow Advertiser* throughout the summer.



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We stock tyres, tubes and batteries for every scooter we sell: so no long waits while they are ordered.

Both Ian and Liz are factory trained engineers with vast experience. So, for real peace of mind, when buying a scooter, visit Ian, Liz, Rachel & Freddy at....

All Terrain Mobility

## STAIRLIFTS

All Terrain Mobility are  
your friendly local stairlift  
company

Are you thinking of having a stairlift fitted? Don't use a big national company, until you have talked with us...

Here are some reasons to consider using All Terrain Mobility, your local stairlift company:

Our engineer lives in Leigh on Sea - no long waits or tedious call centres to get through when you need service

We can fit even the most complex lifts quickly and economically

We do not employ pressure salespeople

We do not ask for a deposit. You pay us only when the job is finished to your satisfaction

We do not "pressure" sell expensive extended warranties

After your 12 months free warranty you can call our local engineers on a one off basis or take out a low cost yearly service contract

Call us for a free survey and quotation. We have saved some of our customers £1000's, especially on more complex curved lifts



## RISE & RECLINE CHAIRS



### EXPERT GUIDANCE TO HELP YOU CHOOSE YOUR PERFECT CHAIR

#### DAILY LIVING AIDS in stock now

*Just about everything to make life easier!*

Long shoe horns; Elastic shoe laces  
Stocking & sock pullers; **leg lifters**  
Grab rails, **magnifiers**, **blue badge holders**, key safes  
Suction grab rails; **large print** playing cards; **automatic card shufflers**; Transfer seats; Perching stools  
**Commodes**, raised toilet seats; Long handled dustpan & brush sets; **Two handled tea cups**; **pill boxes**  
Safety beakers;  
**Bed socks**; extra wide slippers;  
Comfort cutlery; Jar & bottle openers;  
One handed tin openers; Good Grips utensils  
Kettle tippers, **tap turners**; **shower stools**  
Bibs, bed protectors, key turners  
**Grabbers** (all sizes); bath steps  
Overbed tables; Overchair tables  
Hot wheat packs;  
**INCONTINENCE PRODUCTS**  
**Elephant's feet** chair raisers...  
TALKING ALARM CLOCKS; pedal exercisers **HUG-ME-BETTER BEARS!!**  
Gel therapy balls; **scooter cosies**  
**PAIN-GONE PENS**; swivel cushions;  
Reading rests; Washable slippers,  
**and lots more.....YOU WILL BE AMAZED!!**



## WHEELCHAIRS & WALKERS

WIDE RANGE IN STOCK

Lightweight Aluminium

Wide choice of **colours and styles**

Lightweight travel chairs

NHS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED



### A 'POWER PACK'

TAKES THE STRAIN OUT OF  
PUSHING A WHEELCHAIR!



- Detachable in seconds!
- Up to 10 miles range!
- Free fitting to your chair!

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MANUAL, 3 SEATS + WHEELCHAIR,  
LOWERED FLOOR, RAMP, AIR CONDITION-  
ING, LOW MILEAGE AND IN SUPERB, ULTRA  
CLEAN CONDITION THROUGHOUT  
P/EX WELCOME

2013 CITROEN BERLINGO 1.6 AUTOMATIC,  
LOW MILEAGE, 4 SEATS + WHEELCHAIR,  
LOWERED FLOOR, RAMP, AIR CON, CRUISE  
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2015 PEUGEOT PARTNER  
HORIZON 1.6 MANUAL  
VERY LOW MILEAGE  
RAMP, WINCH, AIR CON,  
FULL SERVICE HISTORY  
VERY GOOD CONDITION  
PART EX WELCOME

PEUGEOT EXPERT 6  
SEATS + ROOM FOR  
WHEELCHAIR,  
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